

HOUSE No. 1205

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, petition of Frank I. Smizik and others that the Board of Education be directed to provide grants for instrumental and choral music programs for public schools in the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Frank I. Smizik
Barbara A. L'Italien

Edward G. Connolly

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE NEEDED INSTRUMENTAL AND CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAMS IN MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Offi-
- 2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new sec-
- 3 tion:—
- 4 Section 1N. The board shall establish an instrumental and
- 5 choral music educational grant program to cities, towns and
- 6 regional school districts to provide resources to improve and
- 7 expand their music programs. Said grant program shall provide
- 8 funding for those school districts seeking to establish or expand
- 9 instrumental or choral music programs and eligibility shall be
- 10 determined according to standards set by the Department. In no
- 11 event shall the grants be used to supplant a school district's pre-
- 12 vious year's budget allocation to instrumental and choral music
- 13 programs. Said grants shall be monitored by the Department.